

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 30, 2017 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a regular session on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Kurdyla read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 9, 2017 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posting on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Matthew C. Moench
Howard Norgalis
Filipe Pedroso
Council Vice President Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Allen Kurdyla

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
William B. Savo, Township Attorney
Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

Council President Kurdyla led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

MARCH 20, 2017 - REGULAR SESSION

The March 20, 2017 Council minutes will be considered for approval at the next regular session meeting.

Council Reports

Councilman Moench

- Nothing new to report.

Councilman Norgalis:

- Attended the Somerset County Planning Partners Forum as the Council representative, where the prime issue was the Preliminary Draft for the Somerset County Housing Element. Various Somerset County Planning Department representatives as well as the North Jersey Transportation

Planning Authority gave project updates

- Gave a talk to Boy Scout Troop 88 based at Eisenhower School, on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Attended the Legislative meeting where Jack Ciattarelli was the keynote speaker
- Advised he has been on a quest to be familiar with Bridgewater legal notices. Just recently, Township Clerk Linda Doyle made him aware of the Somerset County bid tracking system on their web site. The County system makes total transparency possible and as such has spoken to Mr. Naples about making the Bridgewater website look more like the County
- He and President Kurdyla will take part in the Administration sponsored road survey on Saturday morning to assess road repair needs.
- Received invitations for both BBI and Bradley Gardens Little Loop opening days

Councilman Pedroso:

- Nothing new to report

Councilwoman Rose:

- Nothing new to report

Council President Kurdyla:

- Looking forward to the road tour on Saturday

Mayor's Reports

Mr. Naples reported that he together with Mayor Hayes, Township attorney Savo and Steve Rodzinak, Construction Code Official met with the residents from Stratford Place regarding a concern with their fire suppression system. They had a productive and positive meeting looking at ways we can assist them, the affordable housing being a consideration. They will be sending us documentation showing their most recent cost estimates and then we will determine how best to move forward.

Discussion

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance was present for this discussion. She fielded questions from Council about the proposed 2017 municipal budget in order to better understand the budget and allocation of monies. Following the discussion, Council requested that representatives of the Court and Public Works Departments be present at the next Council meeting to discuss their respective

budgets.

**Public
Comment**

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilman Moench, the meeting was opened to the public.

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any matter will be allowed two minutes to speak, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Laura Grifa, Esq. an attorney at Archer & Greiner in Hackensack was present on behalf of FSG, Bridgewater Hotel who will be opening a Hampton Inn hotel on Route 22 West in Bridgewater within the month. She was present to introduce her client to Council and discussed the contribution they will be making to the Township. Ms. Grifa was also complimentary of the Township Staff, especially Detective Peter Ochs.

Ms. Grifa stated that hotels with an excess of 101 rooms are eligible for a liquor license that can be issued by the municipality and as such has learnt there will be a fee associated with their application and requested to be advised promptly about that fee as they would like to be in operation within the month. She also discussed the type of service that their hotel will be offering noting there will be 133 rooms but with a very small hospitality element that includes a complimentary breakfast, no restaurant and no formal bar. The public space is quite small as the hotel is geared towards travelers and short stay people.

Township Attorney Savo explained that the liquor license application will not prevent this hotel from acquiring their Certificate of Occupancy. He added the new provision that allows a municipality to present a liquor license fee for new hotels is unfortunately quite extensive but we will do everything we can to work swiftly with the applicant.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the public comment portion was closed.

Resolutions

2017 SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Norgalis, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Norgalis	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Aye
Council Vice-President Rose	Aye
Council President Kurdyla	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution [#17-03-30-104](#) is appended to the official minutes

Council President Kurdyla read the following resolutions by title and called for discussion/questions.

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL THE 2015 MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 15-0002 FOR SEWER CHARGE AND INTEREST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BLOCK 108, LOT 1.10 LOCATED AT NO. BRANCH-RARITAN RIVER, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$978.45 DUE TO ERRONEOUS SEWER BILLING ON A LAND ONLY PROPERTY

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE WINSLOW DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (HILLCREST ROAD TO MARTIN COURT), IN THE SUM OF \$132,322.05, FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER AND I & L ENTERPRISES, LLC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STORY 10,797 SQUARE FOOT CHILD CARE FACILITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE, BLOCK 382 LOT 4 ON ROUTE 22, PURSUANT TO PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND RELATED VARIANCES AND DESIGN WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$941,684.40, INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, BOND NO. PAIFSU0670164 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$847,515.96 AND CASH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,168.44, ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,710.55 (INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY NO. PAIFSU0713890) FOR CCBW, LLC (COUNTRY CLASSICS), BLOCK 400, LOT 23, 580 ROUTE 28, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT OF A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$239,957.10, TO ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC., ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT, RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,957.10 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT

OF \$35,993.57 FOR THE 2016 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK CHIP SEAL AND MICROSURFACING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FUNDED THROUGH THE 2015 AND 2016 CAPITAL FUND

Motion to Set Agenda

On motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the agenda was set for the April 3, 2017 Township Council regular meeting.

Adjourn

On the motion of Councilman Norgalis, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Allen Kurdyla
Council President